- Analysis of data suggests that the immunity to WPVI among young children in some of the endemic districts of Western UP decline during the first and second quarter of 2008.

(d) The effective measures are:-

- Undertaking Supplementary Immunization Activities with monovalent type specific vaccine in endemic States/districts.
- Mop Up Immunization activities are being undertaken in response to detection of polio virus in polio free areas.
- Effective social mobilization is being undertaken by involving religious leaders gram panchayats and community leasers.

**Kidney patients in the country**

83. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of kidney patients is increasing day-by-day in the country;

(b) the total number of kidney patients treated in the Central Government hospitals during the last three years and how many of them died for want of kidney transplantation and dialysis;

(c) the efforts made by Government to manufacture artificial kidneys and dialysis machines to bring down the cost of dialysis within the reach of poor people; and

(d) the steps taken to educate people as to how they can protect themselves from kidney diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Indian Council of Medical Research has not conducted any study to document if there is any real increasing trend of number of kidney patients in the country over the years.

(b) The requisite information in respect of the following Central Government Hospitals in Delhi is as follows:-

| Sl. No. | Hospital | No. of patients treated during last three years | No. of patients died during last three years |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, New Delhi | 25844 (including OPD patients) | 142 |
| 2. | Safdarjang, Hospital, New Delhi | 1723 | 3 |
| 3. | Lady Hardinge Medical College and SK Hospital, New Delhi | 118 | 4 |

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to manufacture artificial kidneys and dialysis machines.

(d) The kidney diseases are largely caused by diabetes, hypertension etc. These are life style related diseases. Healthy life Style is being propagated through various multi media methods *viz.* electronic, print media etc. The pilot phase of National Programme for Prevention and Control of Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke has been launched in January, 2008.

**Subsidised treatment for BPL people**

84. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to ask the hospitals from private sector to gross subsidise treatment and provide treatment at low cost or free of cost to the people from the below poverty line;

(b) if so, whether the corporate hospitals have responded positively to the proposals endorsed by Government;

(c) if so, by when the above proposal would be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) No such proposal is under consideration. However, in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court in writ petition No.2866/2002 titled as "Social Jurist *Vs.* Govt. of NCT of Delhi and others, all the private hospitals to whom land has been allotted at concessional rates have been directed by the Hon'ble Court to comply the condition of free treatment to the extent of 25% OPD and 10% IPD.

**Denial of treatment at AIIMS**

85. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a blood cancer patient was recently turned away by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) as reported in the newspapers on the 11th June, 2008;

(b) whether the inability of her family to meet the cost of treatment was the reason for her being denied the admission; and

(c) whether Government proposes to legally bind all hospitals in the country to keep a part of their earnings in a separate fund for providing treatment to the needy and allowing them to raise donations which may qualify for tax exemptions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) All India Institute of Medical Sciences has